

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0004] on page 1, of the specification as follows:

[0004] Although there are no ~~a~~ publicly known examples describing the reduction in an effect of water splashes on a flow measuring element, which is a main object of the present invention, ~~is not found~~, conventional techniques, which are similar to the present invention, ~~directed~~ing to isolatinge foreign materials using an inertial force of a foreign material contained in intake gas are as follows.

Please amend paragraph [0029] on page 8 of the specification as follows:

Fig. 6 is a longitudinal sectional view of another embodiment, in which a partition 13 is provided in the vicinity of the junctional region between the third passage 43 and the first passage 41 so as to separate the bypass passage 4 in the detouring direction in comparison with the embodiment shown in Fig. ~~13~~3. Other arrangement thereof is equal to that of Fig. 3. According to this structure, fluid proceeding inside the bypass passage 4 goes straight by the inertial

force due to its own weight and velocity so as to abut on the bypass passage outside contour wall 44 of the third passage 43. By providing the partition 13, the fluid stuck on the bypass passage outside contour wall 44 in the inclined part of the passage is prevented from splashing again caused by a swirl flow, etc., produced in the detouring part of the bypass passage 4. Therefore, the fluid stuck on the bypass passage outside contour wall 44 proceeds more effectively along the bypass passage outside contour wall 44 of the bypass passage 4.